

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has wholeheartedly dedicated his life in service to the Lord; and

Whereas, the Reverend D. Randall Cone, a treasured resident of Louisiana, Missouri, will commemorate the Fortieth Anniversary of his Ordination during a special celebration to be held October 26, 2003, at the First Presbyterian Church in Louisiana; and

Whereas, Pastor Cone was Ordained at the First Presbyterian Church in Independence, Iowa, on October 27, 1963, by an administrative commission of the Presbytery of Northeast Iowa, United Presbyterian Church in the USA; and

Whereas, a 1955 graduate of Independence High School, Pastor Cone received degrees from the University of Dubuque and the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, and went on to serve as a student pastor at churches in Menlo, Panora, and Amber, Iowa; and

Whereas, prior to accepting the call to pastor at both Elmwood and First Presbyterian churches in Louisiana, Pastor Cone served the congregations of churches in the Missouri cities of Wellsville, New Florence, Farber, Vandalia, Mt. Olivet, Odessa, Holden, and Warrensburg; and

Whereas, a proud recipient of the 1972 Farber Citizen of the Year award, 1981 Odessa Citizen of the Year award, 1997 Louisiana Citizen of the Year award, and the 1997 Missouri Union Presbytery Moderator's Service Award, Pastor Cone has compiled an enviable list of service to such important organizations as the Louisiana Ministerial Alliance, Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, the Presbytery of Missouri Union, the Pike County Historical Society, the Lions Club, and the Rotary Club, just to name a few; and

Whereas, the son of the late Floyd N. and Edith L. Cone, Pastor Cone has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of his sister, Anita Blaisdell of Black Mountain, North Carolina; his two nieces, Valerie Presdee of Hong Kong, Japan, and Sarah Dittmer of Owasso, Oklahoma; his two nephews, David Blaisdell of Hong Kong, Japan, and John Blaisdell of Little Rock, Arkansas; and a host of other relatives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Pastor Cone as he proudly celebrates this momentous milestone in his long and meaningful life, and further extend to him and his congregation our very best wishes as they continue to serve the Christian mission; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend D. Randall Cone, as a mark of our great esteem for him.

Offered by _____

Representative Terry L. Witte

District No. 10

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker